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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border
Photographic Reconnaissance, 14 - 20 November 1967

1. The attached report on the subject by the Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), is circulated for the information of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

2. It is not contemplated that the attached report will be placed on the agenda unless a USIB Principal so requests prior to the close of business 27 November. In the absence of such a request, it will be considered for record purposes that USIB "noted" the subject report on that date.

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Report to the United States Intelligence Board
by
Chairman, COMIREX
on
South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border
Photographic Reconnaissance
14-20 November 1967

1. The following is a report on photographic coverage of:

a. Priority "Base Line" targets in South China and North Vietnam as defined by the Board on 3 March 1966^a (paras 2-6);

b. North Vietnam to detect the introduction of offensive missile systems^b (paras 7 and 8);

c. Targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border^c
(no coverage);

d. Targets in the Sino-Indian Border area^d (no coverage).

South China/North Vietnam - "Base Line"

2. Changes to Priority Targets: No changes were made to the priority list during this period. The total remains at targets.

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^a USIB-D-41.14/283 (COMOR-D-25/207), 4 March 1966

^b Memo to Holders of USIB-D-41.14/308 (COMOR-D-25/220), 23 May 1967

^c USIB-D-41.14/260 (COMOR-D-25/184), 13 September 1965

^d USIB-D-41.14/276 (COMOR-D-25/201), 19 January 1966

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3. Mission Flown during the Period: According to field reporting, a BUMBLE BUG mission flown 17 November, photographed the Yen Vien railroad yards.

4. Base Line/Surveillance Coverage Reported during the Period: BUMBLE BUG [] missions flown in previous reporting periods acquired surveillance coverage of 13 priority targets in North Vietnam.

5. Tab A: Lists all priority targets and shows the status of base line/surveillance coverage as follows:

Column 2 - Underlining indicates base line or surveillance coverage added since the last report.

Column 4 - Base Line coverage [] shown by date.

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Column 5 - The number of times surveillance coverage has been added to the base line photography.

Column 6 - Date of the most recent base line/surveillance quality coverage.

6. The Map at Tab B: Shows the distribution of the [] targets illustrating the primary areas for lines of communication by shading. The 161 targets which have been covered by base line quality photography since [] are shown by a black dot, the remaining 17 by a black circle. Arrows indicate base line/surveillance coverage added during the reporting period.

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North Vietnam - "Offensive Missiles"

7. There has been no report of photographic detection of the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam.

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8. The Map at Tab C: Shows the [redacted] photographic coverage of North Vietnam (80% or better cloud-free) that has been reported in the three week period ending 20 November. This has been reported in accordance with the photo reconnaissance area grid system. In addition to area coverage, the map shows ten targets that could most likely reveal the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam. Following a recent revision of targets, two airfields, Haiphong/Kun An [redacted] and Phuc Yen [redacted], have been dropped and two ports Cam Pha [redacted] and Hon Gay [redacted] have been added to the map. Two additional targets, the Kun Ming railroad yards and the Nan Ning Complex, are located above the northern limits of the map and consequently not identified.

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